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Is Nasser Acting Hitlerish With Diplomats?

(Editor's Note: Drew Pearson, with this column, continues his dispatches from the Middle East. Others will follow.)

BY DREW PEARSON

EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI BORDER.—In the files of the American Embassy in Cairo is a speech delivered by Col. Gamal Abdel Nasser which the American public has never read or heard about.

It has been cabled to the State Dept. in Washington, but has never been released, nor will it be.

For it shows the megalomaniacal character of the dictator John Foster Dulles picked when he bet American foreign policy in the Near East on Colonel Nasser.

HERE IS the way Colonel Nasser boasted to the Egyptian people about the way he browbeat American diplomats:

"Immediately after the arms deal was announced, Washington sent a delegate, George Allen, to Egypt," declared Nasser, referring to the man who was then Assistant Secretary for the Near East. "Cables from Washington said Allen carried an ultimatum to Egypt."

"Then an American official (reported to be U. S. Ambassador Henry Byroade) asked to meet and I agreed. He told me



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he was very sorry. He said Allen carried a strongly worded message from the American government which might hurt Egypt's pride and nationalism.

"He said: 'In this connection, I assure you, you can ignore all its possible effects and I advise you to accept.'"

"I asked him: 'A message insulting Egypt's nationalism and pride? What do you mean by hurting Egypt's pride and nationalism?'"

"He said: 'It is a message from Mr. Dulles. A very strong message. We ourselves are amazed by the way this message is being sent. We ask you to maintain your nerves. You are always calm. Do accept his message with cool nerves.'"

"I said: 'How can I accept a message which hurts Egypt's pride?'"

"He answered: 'This will have no practical consequences. I guarantee you this: Egypt's pride will only be hurt by the letter but not in practice.'"

"I said: 'Listen to me. I'm not a professional Prime Minister. I never in my life expected to become Prime Minister. It just happened. If your representative comes into my office and says one word, 'I will kick him out. That is official.'"

"The American official called once again. He said he had informed Mr. Allen of our talk and that Mr. Allen was perplexed. He said: 'Allen says that if he comes to inform you of the message he will be kicked out. And if he goes back to Mr. Dulles without communicating the message, Mr. Dulles will dismiss him.'"

"Mr. Allen came, but did not open his mouth. He sat and listened to the Egyptian viewpoint and briefed me on the American viewpoint."

THE ABOVE tirade means one or both of two things:

(1) Colonel Nasser has got into the habit of behaving like Hitler in receiving foreign diplomats.

(2) Some American diplomats, unless Nasser strayed



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far from the truth, have been afraid to carry out instructions from Washington.

THE REASONS why Dulles and advisers made such an error regarding the untried 38-year-old Egyptian dictator are:

(1) On the surface Nasser had a good case. The Egyptian masses definitely needed help. Thirty Egyptians own most of the wealth of the country—a situation made for Communist propaganda and revolt. But Nasser never carried out his promises, spent his money on arms, not for his people.

(2) A pro-Arab clique inside the State Dept. has urged more support for Egypt and

the Arab states. They fear Arabian oil may suffer as a result of American private support for Israel. This group is led by Undersecretary Herbert Hoover, Jr., but has potent backing from Loy Henderson and other pro-Arab diplomats.

(3) Colonel Nasser had the secret support of a new, little-known arm of U. S. foreign policy—the Central Intelligence Agency. John Foster heads the official bureau of American foreign policy. His brother Allen heads the shadowy, sometimes more potent branch of foreign policy, the CIA.

TO THOSE who know both Dulles brothers, Allen is the less publicized but the more able. He reports on foreign affairs direct to the President. His recommendations are based on the reports of a vast army of secret agents. The identity of some, if known, would cause their death.

But because they operate secretly, because they have been immune from Congressional investigation, because there is no public accounting of CIA funds, CIA's reports are sometimes far off base.

CIA was backing Colonel Nasser. It may even have helped him into office.

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